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## News you can use

**Picnic set for Thursday for families of deployed**

A “Picnic in the Park,” presented by Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Committee and the Robins Family Support Center, will be held at Robins Park Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.

This is an exclusive event for family members of deployed military members. There will be free food and games. For more information and to register for this event, contact the FSC at 926-3453.

— From staff reports

## National Police Week activities announced

The following events have been coordinated by the 78th Security Forces Squadron to take place during National Police Week.

- A candlelight vigil and memorial service will be held at the Base Chapel today from 7 to 8 p.m. The service honors all Georgia law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in the past year. Maj. Charles Moose, the lead investigator in the Washington, D.C., Beltway sniper investigation, will be a guest speaker. Major Moose is the commander of the 113th Security Forces Squadron for the Washington, D. C., Air National Guard. Chiefs, sheriffs and directors from Middle Georgia law enforcement agencies from will be in attendance.
- The National Police Week exhibit will be at the Base Exchange Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Military and civilian law enforcement vehicles and equipment will be on display. McGruff the crime dog will make a special appearance.
- A Retreat ceremony to commemorate Peace Officer Memorial Day will be held Sunday at the Base Flag Pole in front of Building 215 at 5 p.m. Public law mandates the flag be flown at half-staff on this day. The Retreat will be hosted by Maj. James P. Seward, 78th SFS commander.
- A firearms match will be held at the Warner Robins Police Department Firing Range, May 20 at 8 a.m.

All events are open to the base community. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Stephanie McCleskey at 222-1992.

— From staff reports

**Aircraft Maintenance Output**

The information below reflects Robins' progress toward maintenance goals for fiscal 2005 as of May 10.

C-17	9 completed; 5 scheduled; 4 unscheduled
C-5	15 completed; 13 scheduled; 2 unscheduled
C-130	39 completed; 32 scheduled; 7 unscheduled
F-15	60 completed; 59 scheduled; 1 unscheduled

\*\*Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don't count toward fiscal year goals.

Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, 402nd Maintenance Wing

U.S. Air Force graphic by Angela Trunzo

# AF ready to respond to BRAC news

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Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The secretary of defense is expected to announce the proposed Base Realignment and Closure list

during a press conference today. Air Force officials said they understand the effect BRAC can have on servicemembers, retirees, employees and their families. To assist people with vital BRAC information, the Air

**ONLINE**  
Once the BRAC list is released, check the Rev-Up online at [www.robins.af.mil/pa/revup-online/index.htm](http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/revup-online/index.htm) for updated coverage.

Force will provide a toll-free number, (888) 473-6120 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (EDT), for military and civilian members

affected by the BRAC list. In addition, information is available at [www.af.mil/brac](http://www.af.mil/brac). “We will have trained people from 10 different Air Force organizations to answer or assist

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## Black Knights refuel Thunderbirds



U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret

The 99th Air Refueling Squadron refuels Lt. Col. Mike Chandler's F-16 during a refueling mission over Alabama May 2. The Thunderbirds were returning to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., after an air show in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

# 19th ARG offers Airmen an incentive

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Refueling missions occur almost daily for the 19th Air Refueling Group. On May 2, the 99th Air Refueling Squadron turned an ordinary refueling mission into an extraordinary opportunity to thank several Robins employees for their contribution to the mission.

When the Black Knights discovered they had the opportunity to refuel the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, the Knights invited several quarterly award winners and other Airmen, including two from the 116th Air Control Wing who have supported the refueling mission, to watch.

And while the people aboard the KC-135 were impressed to see the aerial



Airman Hansen Wilson, 99th Air Refueling Squadron life support technician, was one of the quarterly award winners selected for the refueling flight.

demonstration team, the admiration was mutual. “It’s great working with the 19th Air Refueling Group out of Robins,” said Lt. Col. Mike Chandler, Thunderbird commander/leader. “It’s the hard work of units like these that keep the Air Force en route to their various missions.

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**Lt. Gen. Richard V. Reynolds** is the Air Force Materiel Command vice commander.

# Reynolds gives ALCs high marks

78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Last week's third annual Georgia International Lean Symposium offered the opportunity, once again, to share ideas on Lean, the systematic approach to eliminating waste in industrial and manufacturing processes. It also offered a chance for the government to showcase how the process is continuing to help better support the war fighter.

Lt. Gen. Richard V. Reynolds, Air Force Materiel Command vice commander, was on hand for the symposium and took time to discuss meeting customer expectations, quality of life and other issues facing today's air logistics centers.

**Q.What Lean or continuous process improvement initiative has made the biggest impact, if any, on due-date performance at the ALCs?**

A. I don't think there is any one initiative we can single out

Please see **REYNOLDS, 2A**

# Drug testing revisions impact TDP

By Kathleen A. K. Lopez  
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Changes to the Air Force Civilian Drug Testing Program will likely increase deterrence of drug use among civil service employees here according to Vera Seales, Center Drug Demand Reduction Program manager.

Air Force Materiel Command will soon expand its testing of Air Force civilians for marijuana and cocaine use to include amphetamines, opiates, and phencyclidine (PCP).

In implementing the revised Air Force drug-testing policy, AFMC will also increase the number of random drug tests and validate every test specimen.

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**Robins 3-day forecast**

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

**Today**

Partly sunny

89/61

**Saturday**

Partly sunny

85/61

**Sunday**

Partly cloudy with chance of rain

82/62

**What's inside**

Laboratory meets requirements, achieves certification **4A**  
Team wards off traumatic stress with coping skills **9A**  
Three civilians earn AF-level awards in their fields **5B**  
Safety Day to affect some base services, organizations **8B**



## A timeline of key BRAC events

There are several significant events taking place throughout the remainder of 2005. The following is a general timeline of significant events.

**Monday:** Not later than this date, the Secretary of Defense must publish in the Federal Register and transmit to the Congressional Defense Committees and the Commission, a list of the military installations that the Secretary of Defense recommends for closure or realignment.

**July 1:** Not later than this date, the Comptroller General shall transmit to the Congressional Defense Committees, a report containing a detailed analysis of the Secretary of Defense's recommendations and selection process.

**Sept. 8:** Not later than this date, the Commission must transmit to the President a report containing its findings and conclusions based on a review and analysis of the Secretary of Defense's recommendations.

**Sept. 23:** Not later than this date, the President shall transmit to the Commission and to the Congress, a report containing the President's approval or disapproval of the Commission's recommendations. If the President approves the recommendations, the recommendations are binding 45 legislative days after Presidential transmission or adjournment, unless Congress enacts joint resolution of disapproval.

**Oct. 20:** If the President disapproves the Commission's initial recommendations, the Commission must submit revised recommendations to the President not later than this date.

**Nov. 7:** President's Approval or Disapproval of Revised Recommendations. The President must approve the revised recommendations and transmit approval to Congress by this date or the process ends. The recommendations become binding 45 legislative days after Presidential transmission or adjournment, unless Congress enacts a joint resolution of disapproval.

**April 15, 2006:** Commission terminates.

Source: [www.defenselink.mil](http://www.defenselink.mil)

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with any questions people may have," said Col. Thomas Fleming, Air Force BRAC response cell director.

Airmen can seek information through their chain of command. They may also contact the public affairs office at their nearest Air Force installation.

BRAC is the congressionally authorized process the Department of Defense uses to reorganize its base structure to more efficiently and effectively support its forces, increase operational readiness and facilitate new ways of doing business.

"People are our most valuable asset; and though BRAC is a careful and impartial analysis, people will be affected," Colonel Fleming said. "We care about our people, and we want to keep our people informed and provide them the best possible information on the changes that will affect them."

The Air Force Web page will have a breakdown of affected bases from the BRAC list, said Jeff Whitted, Air Force News Service operations

## Online BRAC resources

[www.af.mil/brac](http://www.af.mil/brac)  
[www.defenselink.mil/brac](http://www.defenselink.mil/brac)

division chief.

"We will also have links to frequently asked questions, news articles, and DOD and Air Force information concerning BRAC," he said. "As we receive new information, we will post it to this page."

Local communities surrounding these installations will also be affected. Communities can address their concerns with the president's commission at regional BRAC commission meetings or by contacting the commission at (703) 699-2950 for more information. Phone hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, Mondays through Fridays.

The BRAC process will take months to be finalized. The secretary of defense's BRAC recommendations are not final. The president's BRAC commission will review the list for conformity with the office of the secretary of defense's force structure plan and published selection criteria and report its findings and conclusions to the president by Sept. 8.

## REYNOLDS

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as being most important. Because there are a lot of them, they all contribute to efficiency, which contributes to driving down costs, expediting processes, cutting out work and eliminating waste. We know all of those things aggregate to better due-date performance and better quality products. Here, we've cut 35 percent out of flow time for the C-5, which is a one of a kind, tremendous capability that our Air Force needs. I've just heard today the expectation is that we're going to do even better with the C-5. So, across the command all of these initiatives have really had their effect and I expect them to continue to have a more positive effect on due-date performance.

**Q.Supply chain management - what are your thoughts on how we are progressing?**

A. Our initiative is part of ELog21 (expeditionary logistics for the 21st century) and we are well under way. We've established a number of commodity councils, we're building strategic partnerships with industry, and we've laid in the governance structure. We have our supplier relationship management and managers, and then we have the execution level and all of those are up and running. We're learning and refining and it's already paying us back. We're receiving positive results in terms of reduced customer wait time, better delivery of the right materials to the right customer at the right time in the right place and that's really what the objective is.

Now, we've got more work to do. We've got to extend the array of commodity councils and continue to focus on small business. Because when you talk about being more strategic and longer term relationships with

larger suppliers, you automatically have to worry about if you're going to negatively impact small businesses. We're absolutely not going to do that. We've shown that we can be strategic and yet preserve the great small business performance that we achieve in this command. I'm very hopeful that this will be every bit as effective as the DMT (depot maintenance transformation) that is giving us better due-date performance.

**Q.What do you think are the most significant issues the Air Force logistics community faces in the next few years?**

A. Well, clearly there are people issues and there are product issues. I always put people first. We have a work force that is aging. A lot of the experience is in the most senior ranks, as you would expect it to be. We could see a lot of those folks retire. In fact, that's not just true of logistics centers, but it's true in the product centers, the science technology centers, specialty centers and so forth.

So, we're really challenged to be sure the work force is developed and developed appropriately. And that means we're able to renew the work force and transfer the knowledge from those who are leaving to those who are coming in. And for those who are coming in we must make sure we're doing the right training. If I had to say one word about what's important with force development, it's training.

We're also dealing with an ever-aging fleet. The age of the fleet is going up and up and up. Certain MDSs, and critical capabilities like our tankers, some of our airlifters, some of our first-line fighters and some of our low-density, high-demand systems like the U-2 are old systems, and in some ways we're in new territory in terms of our ability to deal with them. We've

never kept a large four-engine Boeing airplane for 50 years before, and now we are about to do that because the KC-135 R models will be around probably a lot longer than that.

We are confident in our technical ability to deal with aging problems but there are always the undiscovered problems, the unknown unknowns that could bring new challenges. We're trying to leverage the tools of the information age, our ability to store, process and use data to give us the knowledge, understanding and wisdom to do our job better. We call this our expeditionary combat support system, which is enabling ELog21 through the information age tools we have.

**Q.Where will Depot Maintenance Transformation and Purchasing & Supply Chain Management take us in the future?**

A. We're going to be a smaller Air Force, more effective and more lethal. Transformational depot maintenance and purchasing and supply-chain management will underwrite that. Better delivery and distribution of materials will be necessary to support deployed forces because we will be deployed in the future like we are deployed today. Shorter depot-processing times create more cost-effective depot processes. All of the things that are embodied in both of those major transformations, which are parts of ELog21, are going to enable that smaller more effective Air Force that we're going to have on the planning horizon, which is 2025.

**Q.How can the air logistics centers position themselves to meet the Air Force's future needs?**

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mation and the hard work that it requires to deliver to the war fighter day in and day out. That's a dual challenge: meet the needs of an increasing ops tempo with a smaller work force and tremendous budget pressures, yet transform. Wartime has always been a time of the most rapid transformation for our military. Throughout history that's a great constant.

I'm convinced the ALCs can meet that dual challenge and be better than they were yesterday and are today. I don't see an end to the military challenges we face. I'm one who believes the global war on terrorism is going to be a very long war and there's going to be no chance to take a breather. We'll just have to continue to work hard and do the tough things we've shown we can do to be successful.

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Ms. Seales said the new policy, which increases drug testing of civilians in testing designated positions (TDP) from 50 percent to 100 percent, may cause workers to think twice before using drugs.

"Now, we test only 50 percent of the civilians in testing designated positions (each) year," she said. "It's going to go

up to 100 percent, which means instead of collecting approximately 900 samples a year, we'll be collecting about 1,715 samples a year."

The Air Force revised its civilian drug testing policy in December in conjunction with modified federal work place drug-testing guidelines established by the Department of Health and Human Services.

John Day, chief of AFMC Civilian Personnel and Programs, said the policy

changes needed AFMC and command union representatives' review.

The civilian drug-testing program applies to civilian Airmen in drug-testing positions. AFMC has about 8,900 TDPs. There are 1,715 TDPs at Robins.

TDPs include, but are not limited to, positions involving law enforcement, national security or public health and safety.

As required by the

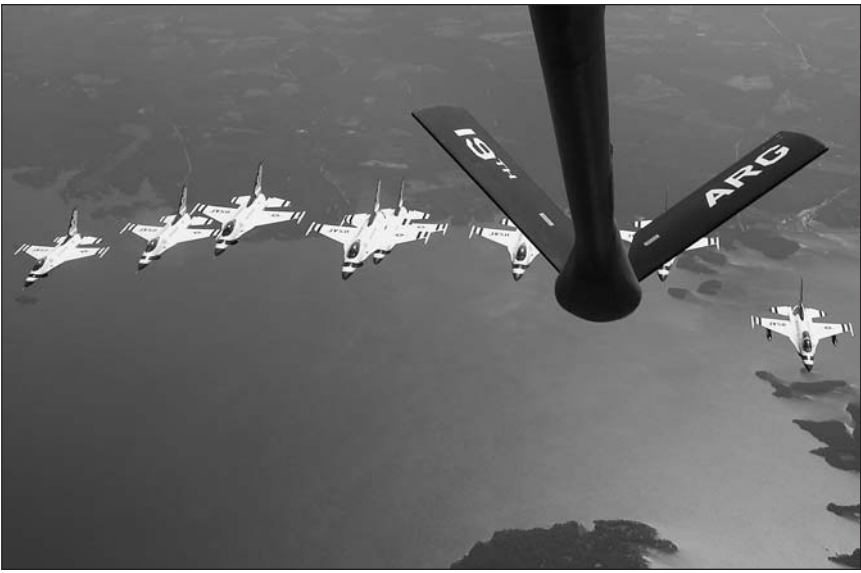
Department of Health and Human Services, and like all federal agencies, the Air Force now will perform a specimen validity test on every civilian urine sample collected.

Validity tests detect adulteration, dilution, and substitution of unobserved collections of urine specimens.

Any employees testing positive for illegal drug use will be considered for removal from employment and put their security clearances at risk.



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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret

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“The people working hard at Robins keep our fight against terrorism strong, and I salute them.”

The flight offered people around the base a different perspective on how their job contributes to the Robins mission.

According to 1st Lt. Dylan Quinn, 99th ARS co-pilot and host for the guests, people often focus on their individual jobs, and they lose sight of the bigger picture. This opportunity allowed the guests to step back and see how the work they do affects the mission, he said.

“When you see how the role you have impacts the mission, it makes you appreciate the mission as a whole,” said Lieutenant Quinn.

Master Sgt. Anthony Clay, 19th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant, said the 19th ARG also hoped to use the opportunity to encourage Airmen to remain in the Air Force.

“We want to help reenergize them and their interest in the Air Force,” said Sergeant Clay.

He said by providing opportunities like the refueling mission with the Thunderbirds, the

19th ARG hopes to help influence Airmen who are considering separating from the Air Force to continue their military career.

As the Air Force’s most visible recruiting and retention tool, the Thunderbirds travel across the globe, visiting men and women in military. And the 19th ARG, like the demo team, takes advantage of every opportunity available to encourage people to keep serving their country.

“We need people like these to continue to stay in the Air Force,” said Colonel Chandler. “These people are just a representation of all the awesome Airmen we see every day as we travel all across our great country representing the Air Force - active duty, Air National Guard and Reserve.”

The guests watched the aircrew work in the cockpit and the aerial refueling. The crew fueled eight Thunderbird F-16s with nearly 47,500 pounds of fuel in about 30 minutes. Following the refueling, the Thunderbirds formed into a rare eight-ship formation – flying their F-16s 24 inches to 3 feet apart, wingtip to wingtip – before breaking off and continuing their return flight to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

“The Robins tanker crew we worked with to refuel on

our way back from Fort Lauderdale was an awesome group of people. Besides the crew, the tanker was full of Robins best people, their quarterly award winners,” Colonel Chandler said. “It was an honor for our team to form up an eight ship formation to salute those great Airmen.”

Although eight pilots are assigned to the unit, only Thunderbird pilots ‘#1’ through ‘#6’ perform the demonstration. Thunderbird ‘#7’, the operations officer, and Thunderbird ‘#8’, the advance pilot/narrator, perform ground operations while the demo pilots are flying. The officers don’t often fly all eight red, white and blue F-16s in formation.

For 99th ARS boom operator Senior Airman Joseph Pittman, refueling the Thunderbirds was a first. He said this was a once in a lifetime opportunity that fulfilled his expectations.

“There are a lot of guys who have been in (the Air Force) a long time who haven’t (refueled the Thunderbirds),” he said.

He said he was impressed, but not surprised with how stable the pilots were.

“That’s how you picture the biggest and the best,” he added.

# 653rd CLSS wins ninth annual community service award

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The 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron took home the 2005 Community Service Award during a ceremony at the Museum of Aviation VistaScope Theater Monday, bringing their total number of wins to three.

The annual award, sponsored by the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, recognizes the base organization that has done the most to preserve and enhance the positive relationship between the civilian community of Warner Robins and the base during the past year.

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, and Frank Feild, president and CEO of the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, presented the awards to the winners and two runners up.

“We have a lot of selfless people in the squadron giving of their time because this is home for us,” said Lt. Col. Paul Wood, 653rd CLSS commander. “Whether it’s two years or 10 years, this is home for us.”

The commander said even though there is a high incidence of temporary duty assignments in the squadron, the White Knights still make time for others.

“It has always impressed me that these folks can come back from TDY and still get involved in some of these volunteer projects like Christmas in April and Habitat for Humanity,” he said.

Master Sgt. Leo Finkley, an inventory management specialist, said he loves giving back.

“Just seeing the reaction on people’s faces after you’ve helped them makes you want to give more and more,” he said.

Colonel Patterson said because there is no such thing as an eight-hour day in the Air Force anymore he commends those who, in spite of long work weeks and deployments, still take time to go out into the community to help others.

“We are here to recognize the selfless service dedicated volunteers from Robins Air Force Base have contributed to the community and to celebrate the strong based community partnership in which our good neighbor policy has flourished,” he said. “These folks are giving their most precious commodity: time. You are all winners, you won the day you stepped forward and said yes to a needy cause.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Lt. Col. Paul Wood, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron commander, and Master Sgt. Leo Finkley are part of the team who won, for the third time, the Community Service Award.

Ronnie Sanders, another member of the military affairs committee agreed.

“This award is not about winning or losing, but about giving,” he said. “We are here to recognize outstanding units here at Robins Air Force Base for their civic and community accomplishments and to recognize the top three participants in community service for 2004.”

The 653rd is credited with making time for involvement in hundreds of community support projects and contributing thousands of man hours of service last year. Mr. Sanders said their presence was felt throughout the community in schools, charitable organizations, churches, hospitals and recreational groups. This year’s runner’s up were the 402nd Maintenance Wing and 78th Mission Support Group Services Division.

The winner of the award receives a traveling trophy which they keep for a year and return for presentation the following year. The winners also receive plaques or smaller trophies for permanent display. The two runners-up also receive plaques.

# Equipment laboratory meets requirements, achieves certification

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The 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group’s Detachment 1, Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory was awarded certification of compliance March 22.

The certification followed an inspection by the Air Force Metrology and Calibration, or AFMETCAL. The certification is unique to the PMEL community because it provides a license for them to do business.

“Not all laboratories meet the AFMETCAL requirements. Currently only 85 percent of the Air Forces laboratories are certified,” said Jack McCormack, chief of the PMEL quality section. “It affirms that we are meeting what the Air Force mandates we are supposed to be doing.”

Greg Stanley, 402nd EMXG deputy director, said it’s easy to see how good calibrations are important to the war fighter.

“Everything we do affects every system on every part of an aircraft or weapons system that the war fighter uses,” he said. “When you see precision bombs hit the target, it’s because we’ve done our job calibrating testers that support the weapon systems used to put bombs on target.”

The AFMETCAL program establishes policy, procedures and processes to ensure reliability, accuracy and traceability for all test equipment for the Air Force. The AFMETCAL Evaluation team, comprised of military personnel, spent two weeks in the lab completing the bi-annual inspection of the Type IIA and Organic PMEL areas.

“The Type IIA is the regional PMEL that supports calibration of test measurement and diagnostic equipment, or TMDE, on this base and also specialized TMDE from bases east of the Mississippi and Europe,” said Mr. McCormack. “The Organic PMEL is unique to the air logistics center. They are a civil service component performing on-site, doing a lot of one-of-a-kind items that are

unique things just to a depot calibration.”

During the inspection there were six critical areas that had to pass for PMEL to be considered fully certified, said Shane Oliver, PMEL services chief. Those areas included the quality system, quality program, measurement capability program, environmental control system, proficiency testing and facility. PMEL exceeded all requirements.

The evaluation team cited six noteworthy write-ups

including an internal audit and the management review process implemented by Mr. McCormack. Also noted were the assessment data, training scheduling and material control.

“Jack McCormack and his quality assurance team have taken PMEL to a whole new level of quality calibration performance,” said Mr. Oliver. “Our technicians are truly professionals, and the bottom line is, they showed AFMETCAL the caliber of work they do

every day.”

Two PMEL employees - Suzanne Ridings, with overhead support, and Jason Bellavance, a PMEL technician - were rated by the inspection team as top performers and received the AFMETCAL challenge coin for their performance during the evaluation.

Jay Bellavance, senior metrologist, uses primary pressure standard to test instruments for calibration.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

## Selection process for command support officer positions in 2006 is underway

The 2006 Development Team Support Squadron Commander candidate selection process has begun.

This process is designed to select eligible officers for command positions during 2006. This is for command opportunities in the “support” officer fields.

Non-rated operations (vigilant eagle, weather and intelligence), medical, and chaplain candidate selection processes are addressed in separate announcements.

The Military Personnel Flight Relocations and Employment section sent an eligibility listing, statement of intent package, and instructions to each Air Force Specialty Code functional manager and wing executive in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

This board will also select candidates for the reorganized Air Force Materiel Command and Air Force Space Command acquisition squadrons and other C-prefix 61s, 62e and 63a command opportunities for 2006.

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center officers who intend to compete for Center squadron command opportunities (including those already identified) must also submit their statement of intent for this board.

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# A rich heritage of religious freedom and respect



**Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles C. Baldwin** is the Air Force Chaplain Service chief, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – On Sept. 23, 2001, 25,000 people gathered at Yankee Stadium for “A Prayer for America,” honoring those who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Jewish, Roman Catholic, Muslim, Hindu, Protestant, Sikh and Greek Orthodox clergy offered prayers. The prayer service was described as representing the best in America and unprecedented in its interfaith spirit.

One commentator even called the diverse gathering of religious expressions a miracle. It was a profound and beautiful response to the hatred and intolerance of the terrorists.

Such “miracles” take place at Air Force chapels throughout the world every day. A spirit of unity and cooperation is seen, not only in the sharing of sacred space by many faith communities, but also in the love and respect we show for one another.

For me, one of the absolute joys of being an Air Force chaplain is this privilege of serving such a diverse community. The Air Force Chaplain Service is devoted to serving the religious needs of all Airmen and their families.

We are committed to serving the one who is different with the same passion as the one from our own faith group. This is something that is a wonder to the world. Yet, it is true. This is the culture of the Airman.

There are countless inspiring

stories of chaplains and chaplain assistants modeling this beautiful spirit and helping to shape this culture of respect within the Air Force.

Recently, in the Middle East, two Protestant chaplains rallied parishioners to join several Jewish Airmen in order to have a Seder service. The presence of the Protestant Airmen at the supper made possible the Passover celebration for the Jewish Airmen. It was a moment neither group will ever forget. This is the culture of the Airman.

Chaplains come from many faith communities. We are as diverse as the Air Force. How is it possible that we work together when our beliefs are so different? We rally around three great watchwords. These words, inscribed on our Chaplain Service seal, unite us and give focus to our service. They are freedom, faith and ministry.

What a calling is ours! Faithfully representing our faith communities, we cooperate without compromise. And the reason we do this? It’s for the Airmen. We are here to ensure their right to the free exercise of religion. That’s the “freedom” and “faith” part of the seal. “Ministry” captures our commitment to care for the needs of the Airmen everywhere they serve.

There are several documents on religious freedom that are important to military members. They are Department of Defense Directive 1300.17, Accommodation of Religious

Practices Within the Military Services, and Air Force Instruction 36-2706 Chapter 8, Accommodation of Religious Practices for the Air Force.

These documents affirm that the free exercise of religion is a basic principle of our nation. They make it policy for commanders to approve accommodation of religious practices when accommodation will not have an adverse effect on military readiness, unit cohesion, standards or discipline.

Chaplains are here to help commanders understand the issues in our complex, religiously diverse Air Force community and help Airmen as they seek to practice their faith while serving in the military and the federal workplace.

Clearly, there is the expectation that Airmen will respect each other and accommodate one another in the practice of their faith.

Through the years, I have heard of individuals who do not understand or appreciate this basic principle of who we are. When one fails to respect the individual rights of others, he or she acts contrary to the cultural and constitutional framework in America which protects our religious freedoms.

Lack of respect and tolerance for the rights of others to believe as they so choose hurts each of us and jeopardizes good order, discipline, unit cohesion and our ability to accomplish the missions with which our nation

entrusts us. There is no place in our Air Force for disrespectful names, slurs and jokes that make someone feel alienated from the team.

In response to the need to re-enforce this message, the Chaplain Service has introduced Respecting the Spiritual Values of all People program. We offered it first at the Air Force Academy and will follow at other bases. This program encourages people to confidently and authentically live out their own faith commitments and deeply respect others whose faith is different from their own. This is the culture of the Airman.

We didn’t just recently begin to value religious freedom and individual rights. This is a central part of our rich American heritage. It has been re-enforced through the years with countless acts of courage and sacrifice both large and small.

One of the most memorable examples of this American character happened Feb. 3, 1943, aboard the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester. An enemy torpedo hit the ship. Four chaplains (two Protestant ministers, a Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest) gave up their life preservers, and any chance of survival, so that others could live. The four chaplains died together while they clung to each other and prayed. The survivors, of all faiths, found great strength in the chaplains’ prayers and courage, and they never forgot the sacrifice or

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the spirit of the four chaplains.

Today, in that same spirit, Air Force chaplains and chaplain assistants provide an example of cooperation without compromise, freedom to live out our faith with respect for all and sacrificial service to others. So, too, may we all serve honorably. This is the culture of the Airman.

*Editor’s note: For a listing of religious services at Robins, turn to page 2B.*

## Commander’s Action Line

**Col. Greg Patterson**  
Commander,  
78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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## Inclement weather drop off at Robins Elementary School

My child has attended Robins Elementary School for six years, and I would begin by saying that I think it is a great school and has a wonderful staff. I have just one concern. I would like to know why you are not able to drop your child off at the school on days when there is inclement weather. They have to stand across the street, and wait until 8:15 a.m. to enter the school. Being a single parent and having to be at work by 8 a.m., I am not able to

drive my child to the school and drop him off. I would like to know why the children can’t wait in the school cafeteria until school begins. I have asked the school staff and was informed that they didn’t have anyone available to watch the children. If that is the case, I’m sure there are stay-at-home parents who would be glad to volunteer to watch them, so they don’t have to stand in the rain.

**Commander’s reply:** You are correct – students are not permitted on campus prior to the 8:15 bell because adult supervision is not avail-

able. I spoke to the principal and found that the teacher’s duty day is 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Under the Master Labor Agreement, she is not allowed to assign duties outside of that time frame. After the teachers’ duty day begins, they must be given a few minutes to prepare for the upcoming day. Parent volunteers are great for many of their programs, but for a sustained program like this, problems with liability and reliability are created.

The principal makes every effort to help parents when an emergency situation arises but they don’t have the staffing or funding available

for a before school program. On page 23 of the 2004-2005 Parent Handbook under “Arrival Procedures for Students” it clearly states, “All students should gauge their departure from home so as not to arrive at school prior to 8:15 a.m.” If students do this they will be able to come directly on the campus and into the building. We have found other parents in your same situation who arrange transportation with friends or neighbors during inclement weather days. Hopefully this will work for you. The school will work with you if an emergency arises. Thanks for your comments.

## MILITARY JUSTICE

Four members of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, during the period of April 24 through May 8.

■ A senior master sergeant made false official statements and conspired with others regarding fraudulent recruit-

ing accessions. Punishment: a reduction to master sergeant, forfeiture of \$1,624 for two months.

■ A master sergeant posted his photograph on an unauthorized Web site while wearing unauthorized ribbons and medals on his service dress uniform. Punishment: a reduction to technical

sergeant, forfeiture of \$1,454 for two months.

■ An airman first class failed to remain awake on post. Punishment: forfeiture of \$339.

■ An airman first class was drinking underage and possessed alcohol in the

dormitory. Punishment: a reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty.

There were no administrative discharges under the rapid airman discharge program for this time period.

– 78th Air Base Wing  
Legal Office

## Remember to slow down

There have been

220

speeding tickets issued  
calendar year to date.

### How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles = 3 points
11 - 15 miles = 4 points
16 - 20 miles = 5 points
21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



**Airmen Against Drunk Drivers** is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

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# Thanks for being part of the Air Force family



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Shena Fruitrail gets ready for a makeover during the Military Spouse Appreciation Day at the Family Support Center May 6. Spouses were offered free events, classes and drawings for prizes throughout the day.



Above, Melissa Ebbing wins a free phone card. Left, Sandra Mariacher gives Staff Sgt. Jessica Wilson a free massage at the Fitness Center.

## Officials expand existing whistleblower protections

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Blowing the whistle on waste, fraud and abuse at work seems like the last thing workers would do if they wanted to keep their jobs and advance their careers.

But that is exactly what servicemembers and federal civilian employees are required by executive order to do, and officials at the Office of Inspector General have bolstered protections offered to ensure they do not suffer reprisals on the job as a result.

Federal laws protect so-called “whistleblowers” from adverse personnel actions they could feasibly suffer when reporting abuses within their organizations: getting fired, losing out on promotions or getting shuffled to lesser jobs.

These laws also protect against less dramatic but equally career-damaging actions, from receiving bad evaluation reports or letters of counseling to getting temporarily suspended without pay.

New policies adopted by the Defense Department Jan. 7 broaden those protections even further, said IG officials.

Whistleblowers within the department are now protected from having their security clearances revoked or tampered with as a result, officials said.

The new provisions also offer first-time protections to civilians of DoD’s intelligence community involved in whistleblowing activity. Previous protections for these employees were limited to reports made directly to Congress or reports involving violations of civil liberties.

Despite federal protections, some people who report abuses within their organizations say they suffer reprisals as a result.

M. Jane Deese, director of the DoD Inspector General’s military reprisal investigations office, said she receives hundreds of reports a year of these incidents. And while the vast majority of these claims turn out to be unsubstantiated or not covered under whistleblower-protection laws, as many as 100 a

year do, she said.

The Inspector General’s most recent Semiannual Report for Transmission to the Congress included three examples of substantiated whistleblower-reprisal cases between April 1 and Sept. 30, 2004.

In one case, an Airman in Utah said he received an unfavorable enlisted performance report after reporting mismanagement by officers in his command to an inspector general. Following an investigation by Ms. Deese’s office, corrective action was taken against the officers involved.

Reprisals against civilian employees are somewhat harder to track, because most cases are referred to the independent Office of Special Counsel.

However, the DoD Inspector General’s civilian reprisal investigations office investigates most of the highest-profile cases, said Dan Meyer, the office’s director. These cases involve civilian employees in the DoD intelligence community, participating in operations in Iraq or Afghanistan, associated with contractor fraud of more than \$1 million, or who are fired as a result of whistleblowing activity, he said.

While servicemembers, civilian employees and DoD contractors all receive whistleblower protections under the law, Mr. Meyer said the guidelines for what constitutes a whistleblower differ. For example, servicemembers who report waste, fraud or abuse through their chains of command qualify as whistleblowers. However, civilians who report these occurrences to their immediate supervisors do not.

Mr. Meyer recommended that would-be whistleblowers consult with their inspector general to learn about their rights and protections before taking action.

While nobody wants to have to blow the whistle on waste, fraud or abuse, and those who do often face a social stigma, Ms. Deese and Mr. Meyer said that whistleblowers are a vital part of the Defense Department’s effort to monitor itself.

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# Team wards off traumatic stress with coping skills

By Lanorris Askew  
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When tragedies strike and survivors are left with feelings of anxiety and stress, the Robins Critical Incident Stress Management, or CISM, team steps in to ensure those who need extra help get it.

The team, made up of Robins’ helping agencies like the Base Chapel and Life Skills, also enlists military and civilian volunteers, pulling together knowledge and other resources for those who may need counseling or other support following emotional trauma.

According to Capt. Barbara Embry, CISM has been around for more than 10 years and is designed to reduce the possibility that those who witness or are otherwise involved with a gruesome or tragic event will later develop symptoms such as post traumatic stress disorder.

“What we do is try to normalize the situation for them letting them know there are certain things they may begin to experience, so when and if they do they can come in and get some help,” said the clinical psychologist.

Jane Hamilton, Robins Elementary School guidance counselor, said the intervention of the team made a world of difference for school faculty and staff members after the recent loss of a co-worker.



**Capt. Barbara Embry** is a clinical psychologist.

“It was really hard since it was a co-worker many of us had known for 20 to 30 years,” she said. “Their (CISM team) words and just helping talk us through things was tremendous.”

She said the information they received was something to hold on to.

“It gave us some guidance that we weren’t crazy and our emotions were typical of people in our situation and for us not to deny our feelings,” she said.

Captain Embry said that’s exactly why CISM exists.

“When we go out on the initial visit we give a list of things that the person may see: anxiety, sleeplessness etc., but we tell them those should decrease over time. If it’s not getting better, they should come in and get help,” she said. “CISM is designed to educate people and prevent worsening symptoms.”

The interventions are about making people comfortable, so they can open up.

“The last thing you want to do is go in with a bunch of 50 cent words - you need to get your message across on their level,” she said.

Because they seek personal level communication, anyone can join the team. Training is held several times a year and although the training won’t equip you to lead a team it provides peer counseling skills.

“A CISM team is typically comprised of a life skills person, a chaplain and a mix of civilian and military peers,” she said. “You want a good mix of people because if you are going into the ALC, which is proportionately largely civilian, you don’t want to have people all in green or blue. You want a mix so they can say ‘hey that’s a civilian like me, I might be able to talk to that person one on one’.”

## Who to call

To get help dealing with any emotional issues due to a recent event or other issues, contact the chaplains at 926-2821 or Life Skills at 327-8398.

The captain said CISM volunteers must be prepared to be called on very short notice.

“We have a list of volunteers we call, give details of what happened and tell them we’ll meet them in two hours,” she said. “You go out, do an intervention, come back, debrief and scatter again until the next time. It’s really just a list of people who are willing to help if they’re needed.”

The captain said since November they have conducted 12 CISM’s reaching about 350 people.

The team contacts affected units and tells them what they have to offer and ask what they need.

“They may just ask for hand outs or they may want a full intervention one-on-one,” said the captain. “We work to do whatever it is they want. Whatever their needs are we try to find a way to meet them.”

The team has even split up and done shift work with those who work swing shifts to make sure everyone who needed help received it.

“We will always meet the needs of the base community,” she said. “The Wing leadership has been very good about giving us the funding to make this happen. That’s something not a lot of bases have. The wing commander (Col. Greg Patterson) has given us a budget so we can have those trainings, and that leadership support is the key to our success.”

## 78th Security Forces Squadron safety tips

# Theft in the workplace can be prevented

Most everyone has items that are of some value at your desk or work area whether it's CDs, sunglasses or a wallet.

Items that you leave on your desk are vulnerable and can easily be picked up in passing.

Ensure you mark valuable items with an identification number then write it down in a safe place. 78th Security Forces Police Services section has engravers available to the base populace that may be signed out on a first come,

first served basis for 72 hours.

If you have a drawer with a lock, then use it to store your most valuable items such as your wallet or purse. Remember when someone steals your wallet or purse; they are also stealing your identity.

For more information, contact the 78th SFS Police Services at 222-1990/1/2.

— Staff Sgt. Stephanie McCleskey

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## skeeters

### Mosquito prevention takes community effort

By Lanorris Askew  
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You've been waiting for it for months. The days are longer, the evenings are warmer and your cozy backyard hammock or swing is calling your name. Just when you decide to take that first lazy evening escape, you get an unexpected visitor – the mosquito.

While the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron's Pest Management section works hand-in-hand with 78th Medical Group Public Health personnel, who monitor on-base mosquito populations, and Environmental Management Division personnel, who identify possible breeding habitats, the general population has just as much power to help keep the pests away.

Dr. Bob Sargent, said while many people take solace in the thought that mosquito fogging is a cure-all, they can help by taking a proactive stance.

"People traditionally think that if we're spraying that's enough," he said. "They find a certain comfort in seeing fogging on a routine basis."

The natural resources manager said fogging is necessary in some instances, but over the years there have been some pesticides identified that have caused long-term problems.

That's why there is a greater emphasis today on using synthetics derived from natural products.

"We've gone to these more natural products, but even with the use of synthetics excessive use has its hazards," he said. "It's far better if people are helping us out by reducing breeding areas in their yards."

#### How it's done

Even before an ounce of insecticide is sprayed, Public Health starts the ball rolling by placing special battery operated, dry ice-filled mosquito traps around base housing from dusk until dawn to attract mosquitoes.

"The mosquitoes are attracted to the dry ice because it releases carbon dioxide just like we do," said Master Sgt. Milton Schmidt, noncommissioned officer in charge of public health. "The mosquitoes are sucked down into the trap where they stay until morning. Then we retrieve the traps, freeze them for 20 minutes and separate the



**Dr. Bob Sargent** is the base's natural resources manager.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Fogging for mosquitoes will begin as soon as trigger numbers are reached.



Tech. Sgt. Mansur Cooper holds a pack of dunkets used to kill mosquito larva.



Staff Sgt. Greg Westhart checks a mosquito trap.

males from the females."

The sergeant said they look for females of certain species because they hunt for blood meals to reproduce. Male mosquitoes usually feed on flowers.

Once areas on base hit trigger numbers, which means insect traps catch at least 25 female mosquitoes over a 24-hour period, they contact pest management who in turn goes out and fogs that area.

The chemical used is called Kontrol and according to Danny Jones, of the pest man-

agement shop, it leaves no residue.

"Once it reaches the ground it dissipates," he said. "Although the chemical is non-residual it is an irritant."

The chemicals are used in small concentrations so there is no need to worry about pets or children – although they recommend that joggers or children on bicycles not follow directly behind the foggers.

The day following fogging, the process begins again to determine if the trapping numbers have decreased. If not, pest management goes out and looks for possible breeding areas.

According to Tech. Sgt. Mansur Cooper, noncommissioned officer in charge of pest management, this is where everyone can help.

"We need help from our customers and others out there as far as removing stagnant water in places like birdbaths, inverted pools and flower pots all of which collect water and serve as possible breeding sites for mosquitoes," he said. "We're surrounded by swamps, so we're going to have mosquitoes, but it would help the pest management program if they got rid of those items."

Dr. Sargent added that in addition to removing breeding areas, keeping healthy populations of animals that feed on mosquitoes like bats, frogs, dragonflies and certain types of fish can also help.

Mr. Jones agreed. "It takes a lot more than chemical control to rid the base of this problem," he said. "It takes education on the part of the base populace."

While the spraying kills adult mosquitoes, to rid the base of mosquito larva another method is used. The pest control team sets out a biolog-



Danny Jones and Senior Airman Nicolas Silvia get the fogger ready for spraying.

"It takes a lot more than chemical control to rid the base of this problem. It takes education on the part of the base populace."

**DANNY JONES**  
pest management shop

ical control device called Bacillus Thuringiensis, or BTI, which kills the larva. BTI is used in areas with low-lying water and is a donut shaped chemical which

attacks the larva's gut.

According to Sergeant Schmidt trapping began Tuesday with spraying commencing as soon as trigger numbers are reached.

#### How to keep the pests at bay

- Remove old tires, buckets, cans, drums, bottles or any containers that can hold water.
  - Check for containers or trash in places that may be hard to see, such as under bushes or under your home.
  - Fill or drain any low spots in your yard.
  - Cover trash containers.
  - Inspect rain gutters and downspouts and remove leaves and other debris.
  - Empty stagnant water in bird baths, plant pots, drip trays, small wading pools, pet dishes and other containers at least once a week.
  - Repair leaky faucets.
  - Maintain and treat your swimming pool. Cover pools not in use to prevent accumulation of leaves and rainwater. Be sure pool covers do not hold pockets of water.
  - Clean flat roofs and air conditioner drains frequently.
  - Eliminate water-holding tree stumps and fill holes in trees.
  - Don't over-irrigate lawns.
  - Don't remove or touch mosquito traps.
  - Minimize time spent outdoors from dusk to dawn when mosquitoes are most active, especially the evening and early morning.
  - When possible, wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors. Mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing, so spray clothes with repellent.
  - Use mosquito repellent containing DEET according to label directions on exposed skin.
  - Screen windows and doors to prevent mosquitoes from entering.
- If you have questions about mosquitoes, trapping or surveillance contact Public Health at 327-8019.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Georgia Emergency Management Agency



ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

Author to sign books

Tanya Womack, author of “Peaches: A Novel of Suspense”, will be at the BX today from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. to sign copies of her book.

MPF open Saturday

The Military Personnel Flight’s customer service office will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon for issuance of identification cards to dependents and retirees. Common Access Cards will also be issued to eligible personnel. For more information, call 327-7361 or 327-7362.

AFSA meeting

An Air Force Sergeants Association meeting will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the NCO Club Heritage room. If you

have any questions or would like to join AFSA, contact Master Sgt. Kevin Swogger at 926-5820 extension 101.

POW MIA Memorial Organization

POW MIA Memorial Organization will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Smith Community Center.

‘Jazz at Six’ concert series

The Afro Jazztet will perform during the Museum of Aviation “Jazz at Six” series Tuesday. Admission is \$7 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. For more information, contact Linda Pullen at 926-6870.

OSC meeting

The Officers’ Spouses Club will meet for lunch Thursday at the Officers’ Club at 10:30 a.m. for the social and 11 for lunch. The program will include the annual scholarship luncheon, and Brig. Gen. Chris Anzalone, Center vice commander,

will be the guest speaker. Childcare will be available at the Child Development Center for ages 5 and younger. Call Trista Fredell at 922-6626 for information and to make your childcare reservations (must be made by Monday). OSC reservations must also be made by Monday. Call Suzanne Cahill at 329-0489 for all reservations and cancellations.

Warner Robins Blue Star Salute

Warner Robins Blue Star Salute, a ceremony and picnic for all military families, will be at 11 a.m. May 21 at the Museum of Aviation amphitheater. Musical entertainment will be provided by Ray Knighton & Wanelle Collins and Phoenix. Bring your lawn chairs and dress casual. For more information, call 971-1290.

Camellia Gardens Memorial Service

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service that pays tribute to

deceased members of Team Robins will be May 26 at 10 a.m. in the garden across from the Officers’ Club. For information, contact Diane Gross at 926-6203 or diane.gross@robins.af.mil.

Health Care Consumer’s Advisory Council

Col. Richard G. Griffith, 78th Medical Group commander, will host the quarterly 78th MDG Health Care Consumer’s Advisory Council meeting May 26 at 2 p.m. at the Base Chapel Annex. Everyone is invited to attend this open forum which will provide first hand information about current medical processes and future endeavors. Commanders, first sergeants, command champions, enlisted, officers, civilians, and all others with MDG concerns or positive feedback are encouraged to come out and be a part of this informative meeting. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Denise Roberts at 327-8374.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Today 7:30 p.m. – Sin City - Bruce Willis and Mickey Rourke

A street thug named Marv is on a quest to find the killer of a prostitute and finds himself in the foulest edges of town. Inhabiting many of those areas is a photographer in league with the sordid ladies of Sin City.



Rated R (sustained strong stylized violence, nudity and sexual content including dialogue) 124 minutes

Saturday 7:30 p.m. – Beauty Shop - Queen Latifah and Alicia Silverstone

Gina Norris has moved to Atlanta so her gifted daughter can attend a prestigious music school and make a name for herself at a posh salon. But when her egotistical boss takes credit for her work, she leaves the salon to open a shop of her own. Gina buys a rundown salon and inherits a motley group of headstrong stylists, a colorful clientele, and a sexy piano-playing electrician.



Rated PG-13 (sexual material, language and brief drug references) 105 minutes

COMING SOON May 20 - The Upside of Anger - Joan Allen and Kevin Costner May 21 - Fever Pitch - Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon May 27 - Sahara - Matthew McConaughey and Penelope Cruz May 28 - King’s Ransom - Anthony Anderson and Leila Arcieri

SERVICES BRIEFS

Civilian Recreation

Play Bunco Monday at the Smith Community Center. Games begin at 6 p.m. in the ballroom.

Enlisted Club

A Texas Hold ‘Em tournament will be held Sunday with a practice and warm-up sessions from 2 - 2:45 p.m., sign-ups starting at 2:45 and games starting at 3. Prizes will be given to the winners of the first round session and first through eighth places of the final round. The tournament is limited to the first 64 players. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers.

A Members First Plus membership dinner will be held Wednesday from 5 - 7 p.m. Cost is free for members, \$5 for guests and \$10 for nonmembers.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Wild Adventure season passes are available for \$60 and includes general admission to concerts. Parking passes are also available for \$22.

Officers’ Club

Enjoy dance lessons with Tom Martin Wednesday and May 25 from 6 - 8 p.m.

A rockin’ good time



Courtesy photo

Five Star Iris performed at the Enlisted Club Saturday night.

Men receive a 20 percent discount off their meals Tuesday.

Pizza Depot

Mama is celebrating Pizza Depot’s 17th birthday June 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sample new pizza, appetizing entrees and have a piece of the cake. Also come by for a chance to win prizes.

All-you-can eat salad bar is back Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Smith Community Center

Earn pogs for your unit or organization, to count towards the Camaraderie, Cohesiveness and Commitment traveling trophy by participating in the following 3-C events for May:

■ A pool tournament will be held May 18 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs in the Smith Community Center. Teams may register by May 16.

■ Movies in the park is slated for May 20 starting at dark in Robins Park. The featured movie will be “Chicken Run.”

■ Family Night Bingo will be held May 23 in the Smith Community Center ballroom. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Win camping, pool, sports equipment and outdoor games and more.

Scrapbooking classes will be held June 11 and July 9 from noon - 6 p.m. at the community center.

Youth Center

Operation purple is a free summer camp for children of deployed parents. Campers from all service branches will gather at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., for a week of traditional camp fun with a focus on learning coping skills to better deal with a parent’s deployment. Registration for Operation Purple summer camp ends Sunday. Applications, forms and details are available at www.nmfa.org.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following person has been approved as a participant in the leave transfer program.

Patricia A. Yarbrough, WRALC/LGMTA. Point

of contact is Charlotte Chastain at 926-3675. Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To

have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Scotch doubles will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday for \$10 per person. Entrants will draw for partners.

A league bowler's appreciation week will be held May 23 - 27. League bowlers pay \$3 for three games.

A 3-person scratch league team meeting will be held May 26 at 7 p.m. League will start June 2 for 12 weeks.

It's time to get punched and get rewards with the Bowl for the Stars and Strikes program beginning Sunday through Aug. 14. Pick up your three-level punch card to start earning rewards. For more information, call 926-2112.

Fitness Center

May Fitness Month continues with the following activities: power lifting competition at 11 a.m. today;

Aerobathon Aero Dynamics from 9 a.m. - noon and water aerobic from 9 - 10 a.m. Saturday; running shoe clinic at the Health and Wellness Center at 3 p.m. Monday; aqua fusion from 2 - 2:45 p.m. Tuesday; and a Seniors Exercise seminar from 11 a.m. - noon Thursday. Most activities will be held at the fitness center unless noted. Some activities require advance sign-up. For complete details and schedule of events, call the fitness center at 926-2128 or the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480.

Golf Course

A membership night barbecue dinner will be held May 20 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes games, prizes, chipping contest, putting contest and pro shop discounts.

Register now for the summer junior golf academy to be held May 31 through June 3. Cost is \$60 and includes four classes and weekly play days during the

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Writing resumes, cover letters

Reservations are being accepted for the “Introduction to Resume and Cover Letter” workshop Wednesday, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Jr. Smooth move

The FSC offers a workshop for kids of military and DoD civilians on the move. Children ages 6-12 will learn about their new assignment location through the use of games, maps and activities appropriate for their age. The workshop will be held Thursday, 4 - 5:30 p.m., in Building 945, FSC annex.

Job fair

The FSC and The Georgia Department of Labor

will be hosting a job fair May 20, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. More than 50 employers are expected to attend.

New beginnings

A “New Beginnings” (initial transition planning) workshop will be conducted May 24, 1 - 4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 141. The workshop is for personnel and their spouses who are within 3-5 years of separation or retirement.

Bundles for babies & infant care

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a “Bundles For Babies & Infant Care” class May 25, 8 a.m. - noon, Building 827, (old base gym) HAWC classroom. The course is for all active duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby.

The spouse’s connection

The Spouse’s Connection will meet May 25, 9-11

summer. Age groups consist of 7 - 8; 9 - 11; 12 - 14 and 15 years and older. Class size is limited to the first 16 paid juniors. Register at the pro shop.

Outdoor Recreation

Swim lesson registration will begin Wednesday at equipment rental, Building 914, with lessons at the Crestview pool. Classes will be held June 7 - 17, June 21 - July 1, July 5 - 15 and July 19 - 29. Cost for "Mommy & Me" toddler class (ages 2 and 3) is \$30 per child. For beginner, intermediate and advanced classes (ages 4 -13) the cost is \$40 per child. All fees are due at time of registration.

Smith Community Center

The America's Armed Forces Kids Fun Run will be held at 9 a.m. May 21 on the track across from the fitness center. The first 100 kids to complete the run will receive a T-shirt. To register, go online to americaskids.run.org. For more information, call 926-2105.

a.m., in Building 945, FSC annex. Learn about the fun things there are to do in Middle Georgia and make some new friends.

Applied suicide skills training

An Applied Suicide Skills Training class will be held May 25-26, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Base Chapel annex. For reservations, call 327-8480 .

Sponsorship training

The FSC will offer training for beginner and experienced sponsors May 26, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a nonprofit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free “Money and Credit Management” workshop May 27, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 127.



# Robins enjoys the ‘Knight’ life



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The Macon Knights arena football team hosted a military appreciation night Saturday. Top, Beverly Olson, Knights owner, and Col. Jeff Kennedy, 19th Air Refueling Group deputy commander, exchange gifts before the game against the Albany Conquest. Above, Senior Airman Deborah Varella of the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve sings the national anthem before the game. Left, ‘Maximus’, the Knights’ mascot, cheers for the team.



# Volunteer gets credit for 19 years of service

**By Lanorris Askew**  
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When T.O. Loftin’s name was called as the 2005 Volunteer Excellence Award winner during the 15th annual volunteer and recognition celebration luncheon in April he wasn’t there to accept the honor, instead he was out doing what earned him the award in the first place - volunteering.

“It was the first time I had missed an awards ceremony in 15 years,” he said. “A friend’s wife, who has cancer, had a doctor’s appointment, and I volunteered to go along with them. I thought that took precedence over the awards.”

That kind of dedication to others has earned the 84 year old not only recognition as a volunteer, but the respect of those who work with him daily.

“Personally, I haven’t met a harder working, more consistent volunteer than T.O.,” said Col. Mark Strickland, Robins’ staff judge advocate. “He’s been taking care of our tax clients for years in what is, essentially, his third career. He’s more than a volunteer; he’s a Robins Air Force Base institution.”

For the past 19 years Mr. Loftin has volunteered at the Base Tax Center with responsibilities ranging from data entry to teaching other volunteers the tricks of the trade. In that time he has worked 16,000 volunteer hours and is still going strong.

The sharp white-haired gentleman said he volunteers because it helps him stay close to his military family.

“I love the fact that I’m serving the military that I was a member of off and on for forty years between military and civil service,” he



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T.O. Loftin volunteers at the Base Tax Center and was recently recognized as the 2005 Volunteer Excellence Award winner for his work.

said. “It means maintaining contact with the military, and I figure the military is a part of the family after all of these years.”

While most people his age are enjoying retirement, the 5-feet, 8-inch tall Silas, Ala., native’s volunteer time is his third career.

Having served in the Marine Corps during World War II, a young patriotic Mr. Loftin followed with a second tour from 1947 to 1950. With red, white and blue pulsing through his veins, he embarked on a new journey after leaving the Corps by joining the Air Force where he served from 1950 to 1964.

After retiring from the military he stayed in touch with his roots by joining civil service in 1964 and spent 19 years as an item manager at Robins.

When he retired from civil service he couldn’t just leave, so he began volunteering with the Base Retirement Activities Office where he did manual tax preparation for retired military members and their dependents.

It was at that time plans for a base tax center came about.

“The person who started this tax office knew that I was involved with the tax returns in my office so he asked if the team would like to do it electronically instead of manually. We started in Building 215 that tax year and have been doing it ever since.”

Although the tax center has changed locations Mr. Loftin hasn’t changed gears yet.

The father of two, grandfather of three and great-grandfather of six has volunteered year round for the past three years. After tax season he maintains the office on a two or three day-a-week appointment basis doing amendments and taking care of tax preparation for those who have been deployed.

Known by his co-workers as the answer man, Mr. Loftin said a good volunteer is a person who wants to do something for someone else and has the time and where-withal to devote time and effort to volunteer status.

“They tease me that all the pretty ladies like my service,” he said.

And with repeat customers coming from as far away as

Florida and Tennessee, that may be the case.

“I strongly admire Mr. T.O.,” said Master Sgt. Angela Johnson, Legal office manager. “He’s a hard charger and is determined to make sure he does everything in his power to provide efficient tax assistance to the active and retired military members in this area.”

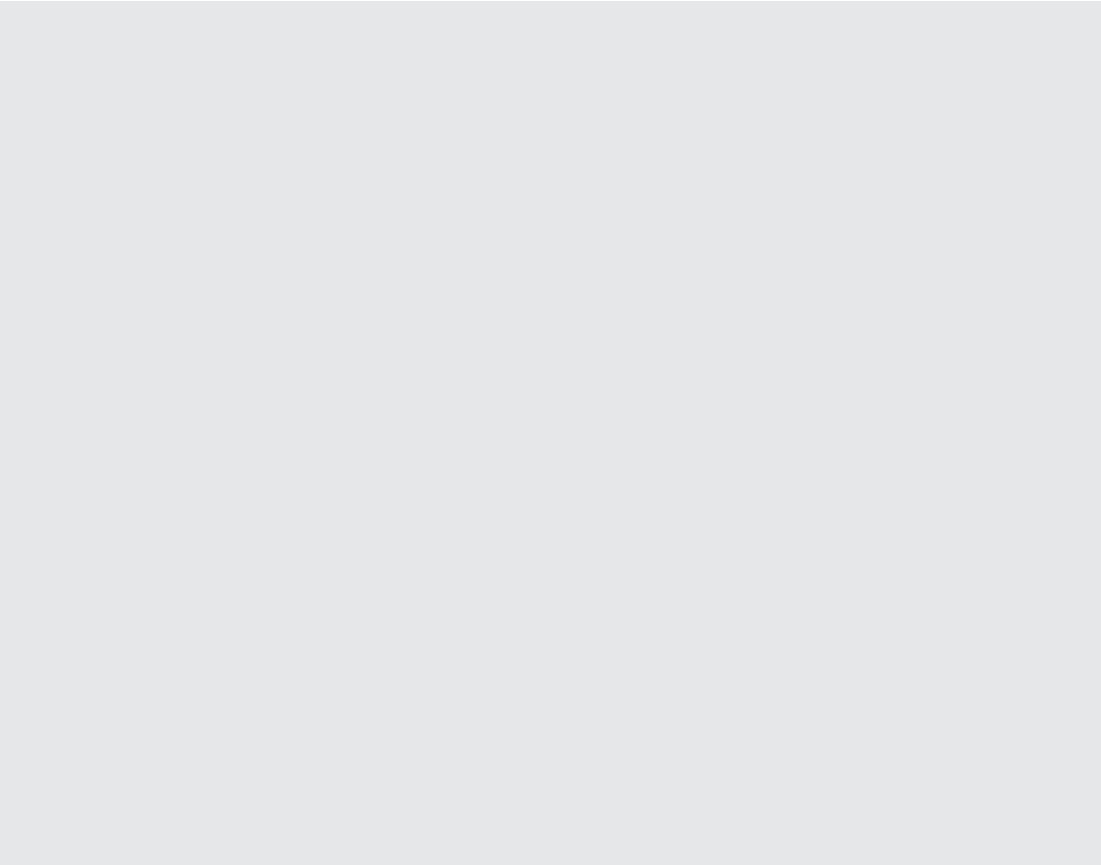
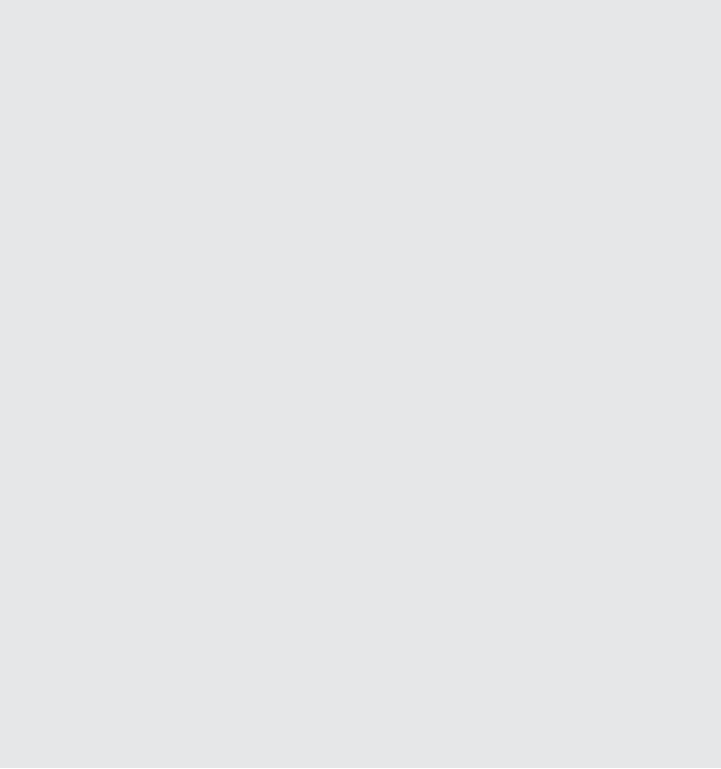
She said he’s passionate about his volunteer time and has provided years of continuity for the tax center and the legal office.

“He’s dependable, committed to the mission, and extremely knowledgeable about the tax law,” she said. “He’s a great asset to the legal office, this base, and the Air Force tax program.”

The volunteer income tax assistant will officially receive his award from Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, in the near future.

## Angel award winners

Others honored at the ceremony received the Angel Award for their volunteer work: **Denise Fullmer**, Family Support Center Key Spouse; **Melissa Barber**, 78th Security Forces Key Spouse; **Monique McGee**, Family Support Center volunteer; and **James Tingerthal**, on and off-base volunteer.





# Three civilians from Robins earn AF-level awards in their fields

By **Holly L. Birchfield**  
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Hard work has paid off for three Robins’ employees. Janet Spivey, Civilian Personnel’s Work Force Effectiveness Division chief; Karen Johnson, 78th Services Division’s Human Resources Personnel Office human resources officer; and Desi Maldonado, an industrial engineer with the 402nd Maintenance Wing’s Infrastructure and Long-range Planning Section, recently earned 2004 Air Force-level awards in their respective areas.

Ms. Spivey was named the Air Force’s Civilian Personnel Senior Program Manager for 2004. “I was happy, not only for myself and my employees, but for the recognition it brings Robins Air Force Base,” she said. “The award is an individual award. But it wouldn’t be possible (without) the work everybody has done in the Work Force Effectiveness Branch to improve the Workman’s Compensation Program and improve labor relations at the base. Everybody’s hard work contributed to this accomplishment.”

Ms. Johnson, who earned the 2004 Supervisory Action Award for establishing a positive, affirmative action program for furthering the equality of opportunity for employees, said she didn’t earn the honor alone.

“I was excited,” she said. “I couldn’t have won this award without a supportive director, managers and a great group of employees that work hard every day in this program we have.”

The award winners attributed their success to Team Robins.

Mr. Maldonado, who was the recent winner of the 2004 Hispanic Employment Award for his involvement with the planning of past Hispanic Heritage Month Observance activities, said the Air Force-level recognition came as a surprise.

“I was elated and surprised all at the same time,” he said.



**Janet Spivey**, left, **Karen Johnson** and **Desi Maldonado** received Air Force-level awards recently for their work.

“This award is a culmination of a lot of people from the Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee and management coming together and working hard.”

The Air Force-level awards are the first for this group of winners.

They will be presented with their honors in the near future.

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## Drivers reminded to obey traffic lanes at Gate 1

Traffic lanes crossing the railroad tracks at Green Street and Ga. Highway 247 have recently been repainted, creating three lanes as drivers approach Robins' Green Street Gate 1.

Drivers should be aware that the far left lane is for left turns only and the two right lanes are for traffic crossing Ga. Highway 247.

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## Last splash



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, sprays Col. Bruce L. Curry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, May 5 in front of Base Operations on the flightline. Colonel Curry is retiring after 27 years of serving in the Air Force.

### Safety Day to affect some base services, organizations

The following services and organizations will be either closed or minimally manned for Safety Day activities today, 7:30-11:30 a.m.	Mobags Readiness Vehicle Maintenance Fuels Vehicle Ops TMO Services director Services Marketing Services Staff Office Human Resources Food Staff Office Library Honor Guard Fitness Center Skills Development Center ITT	CE Military Family Housing Office MDG - The medical group will operate business as usual until noon and will remain open with minimal staffing for the remainder of the day.  If you have further questions about what individual services will or will not be available please contact the appropriate office.
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